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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, MA, CU, US  
SUBJ: MALAGASY GOVERNMENT AGAIN RAISES USG REPORT ON CUBANS  
IN MADAGASCAR

REF: A) ANT 0145; B) STATE 027350; C) ANT 01425;  
D) STATE 194758

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED  
A NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKING WHAT RESULTS  
CAME OUT OF ITS REQUEST OF LAST JANUARY FOR A USG  
DISCLAIMER CONCERNING CUBAN MILITARY ADVISERS IN  
MADAGASCAR (REF A). IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS I PLAN TO  
RESPOND, FIRST ORALLY AND LATER IN WRITING IF THEY  
INSIST, THAT A) AT EMBASSY REQUEST THE FIGURE OF 30  
CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS IS NO LONGER APPEARING IN  
USG DOCUMENTS BUT THAT B) SINCE ITEM IN QUESTION DEALT  
WITH MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, IT WAS CONCLUDED IN  
WASHINGTON THAT IT WOULD BEST NOT TO REOPEN THE  
SUBJECT PUBLICLY TO CORRECT THE RECORD ON MADAGASCAR  
WHICH WAS AN ESTIMATE LIKE THE REST OF THE FIGURES  
(REF B). I BELIEVE THIS INQUIRY MAY BE IN RETALIATION  
FOR MY PRODDING ON KOREAN ATTACKS (REF C) CONCERNING  
WHICH I PLAN TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME IN  
ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE RENEWED DIALOGUE ON A NASA  
SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

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2. NOTE IN QUESTION WAS RECEIVED AUGUST 7. OPERATING  
PORTION READS AS FOLLOWS:  
"...AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE CALL ON THE  
DIRECTORATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS OF THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JANUARY 27, 1978, BY THE  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DURING WHICH HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE NEWS PUBLISHED BY

THE ENGLISH WEEKLY ECONOMIST OF 10 DECEMBER 1977  
ASSERTING THE PRESENCE OF 35 (SIC) CUBAN MILITARY COUNSELORS  
IN MADAGASCAR, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
WAS FALSO. ON THIS OCCASION THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES  
ALSO STATED: THAT HE HAD ALREADY ASKED HIS  
GOVERNMENT, DURING A RECENT TRIP TO AMERICA, TO MAKE A  
CORRECTION ON THIS SUBJECT; AND THAT HE WOULD AGAIN  
REQUEST THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DISCLAIM THIS NEWS.  
THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED BY THE  
EMBASSY CONCERNING ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE  
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE REQUESTS OF THE  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES."

3. WORDING OF LAST SENTENCE READS ALMOST WORD FOR  
WORD LIKE A NOTE I SENT TO MINISTRY ON AUGUST 1  
AT SUGGESTION OF DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS  
ASKING WHAT IF ANY ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN ON MY  
PREVIOUS NOTES REQUESTING MEDIA EXPOSURE OF USG KOREAN  
POLICY AND AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.  
I THINK IT VERY LIKELY THEREFORE THAT THIS QUERY IS  
RETALIATION FOR MY PRODDING ON KOREA.

4. I BELIEVE ACTION I HAVE SUGGESTED IN PARA 1 IS  
BEST WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS INCIDENT. AS TO THE  
KOREAN MATTER, I AM NOW NOT RPT NOT DISPOSED TO  
TAKE ACTION SUGGESTED IN REF C AND AUTHORIZED IN REF D  
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AS IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE OUR RENEWED DIALOGUE ON NASA.  
IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT I HAVE BEEN  
DEFINITELY TURNED DOWN ON MY REQUEST CONCERNING  
KOREA, I MAY ORALLY MAKE POINTS IN REF C COMMENTING  
THAT I AM REFRAINING FROM PUTTING THEM IN WRITING  
ONLY IN ORDER NOT TO ENDANGER HOPEFUL NEW INDICATIONS  
THAT OBSTACLE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS REPRESENTED  
BY NASA PROBLEM MAY BE ON WAY TO RESOLUTION.BARRETT

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